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### MAYOR BONER'S MESSAGE.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The News today gives a very meager report of the message read to the council last night by Mayor Boner. Its length alone has kept us from publishing it in full, for it is full of good sound common sense as we see it, and to a large extent should be carried out by the council.

However there are two or three recommendations in this message in which we think the Mayor is wrong. The first is in regard to the street commissioner plowing up the middle of the street. The News thinks he has demonstrated the soundness of his judgment in the work he has done on Third Avenue. The second is in regard to his grading all streets to the sidewalk line regardless of trees. We should leave at least three feet from the sidewalk for a park in which to plant trees, flowers, shrubbery, etc. We can refer especially to the park around the premises of B. F. Grider as a model to follow. Our streets are broad enough, to allow six feet to be taken for this purpose, and it will be much less trouble to keep the streets worked.

The third objection is in regard to compelling the merchants to load and unload their goods from the back of their buildings; very few store buildings in this town have double doors in the rear, and it would be a great inconvenience to them to have to receive their goods at the rear door.

With the above suggestions we think that Mayor Boner has delivered one of the most sensible messages ever delivered to the council.

## IF YOU ARE IN BUSINESS

Let the public know it through strong, attractive advertising. If you haven't the time to "get up" the advertising our ad-writer will do it for you—and he'll do it just about right, too—will design advertising that will put you next to the buyers—advertising that CONVINCES—straight and sensible business talk, without frills—the kind that sells goods. Just phone or whistle.

### THE NEWS

"Every Little Bit Helps."

Senator La Follette may be playing to the galleries, if he is, this country needs more such actors.

Who was it that said the Intruders court was created to try carpet baggers? Any way, it's a mistake. They will all be tried in a short time after we get statehood.

The Republican Congressman who doesn't have a personally approved Roosevelt rate bill, differing in some particular from all other projects under consideration, is out of the swim.

Henry Watterson says the next Democratic ticket will be Bryan and Hearst. If Hearst can carry New York and California Bryan can be relied on to carry the West and the South. They can't do any worse than Parker—and who was it ran for vice president?

The people up at South McAlester have decided to contribute the amount of the stock subscribed to the Busby hotel to Col. Busby. However as the Colonel intends to foreclose a mortgage on it in which the small stockholders would be mashed to the wall, it looks as if this gift to him had some force behind it.

The House has passed the bill prohibiting gambling in the New State. Now they should pass another bill compelling Maine and Kansas to enforce their prohibition law. We are still a believer in states rights, and congress has no more right to pass that law, than it has to pass a similar law for Maine or Georgia.

Realizing that the mattress factory is now making good, Durant dealers may now defer foreign purchases of mattresses and by so doing may not only have the pleasure of patronizing home industry, but may also make considerable saving on such purchase.

In regard to our streets in the residence portion of the city; the News is in favor of leaving a broad sidewalk or a sidewalk with at least three feet for a park in which trees may be planted. Have the curb line far enough out to leave the sidewalk and the park. This can be easily done as our streets are all broad enough and to spare. By carrying out this plan the work on the streets will be much lighter on the street commissioner, and the streets can be kept in much better repair.

#### At the Wilson.

A good-sized audience greeted the Grand Opera company last night at the Wilson. It came up to the most sanguine expectations of those present. The scenes in "Parasol" and "Faust" were well worth the visit to the play and were charmingly and beautifully portrayed by actors worthy of their calling. These, with the splendid costumes, made it one of the best opera productions ever seen in the city.

#### Buys Durant Barber Shop.

L. E. Duckworth, of Celeste, Texas, yesterday afternoon purchased of J. Q. Day his nicely furnished barber shop on Third Avenue. The same men will be employed as heretofore and the standard of the shop will be kept as when in the hands of Mr. Day. Mr. Duckworth comes well recommended and will arrive with his family tomorrow to make this city their permanent home.

#### Doing Some Quik Work.

It does not take the courts long to grind when once the mills gets started.

Jeff Chatman was arrested in Durant last night by Marshal Stacy, charged with false pretenses. Commissioner Elting held him in the sum of \$400 bond and is now before the grand jury.

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS SESSION

"Nothing Much Doing" in Regular Meeting Last Night.

The city council met in regular session last night at the city hall with all members present except Alderman Baugh, who is on the sick list.

The building committee reported that it had been unable to get Steger and Stevens together to have settlement in regard to the city hall. They also reported that men here in the city had agreed to furnish the three cells for the jail at a cost of \$273 or \$27 a piece, the prices being much less than could be bought from outside men.

The matter of opening Georgia street across block 351 was referred to the street committee.

Atwood Risner appeared before the council and stated that the Home Seekers Investment Company was not organized until June, 1905, consequently were not subject to taxation. They had already paid their taxes, but on motion the money paid by them was refunded.

Newton, driver for the truck and ladder company, resigned his position and his claim for \$28.40 for wages was allowed and paid. On motion Sam Troutt, was elected to fill the position of Newton.

Motion was made and carried that the city relieve L. B. Stinson of police duty on March 1st.

The street and alley committee was instructed to confer with W. A. Durant in regard to the working of the road to the cemetery, as most of the land that comprises the road belongs to Durant.

The resolution of A. P. Blackwell, which was introduced in the last meeting on which action was deferred until this meeting, was taken up and on motion was indefinitely postponed. This resolution called for the city collector and assessor to list all lots for taxation.

A communication from Mayor W. L. Boner was read by the council.

The council then adjourned to meet in adjourned session next Monday night.

#### Mr. Flynn's Guess.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 21.—D. T. Flynn, ex-Delegate to Congress, today received a letter requesting his presence in Washington. In an interview tonight Mr. Flynn stated that the statehood bill would be passed by the Senate by Friday of this week with the Foraker amendment permitting the people of Arizona and New Mexico to say whether or not they shall have a single State.

Foley's Honey and Tar positively cures all throat and lung diseases. Refuse Substitutes. Owl Drug Store and Durant Drug Co.

#### Scarlet Fever Victim.

Homer, the nine-months-old son of N. B. Patterson, died last Monday night of scarlet fever, at the residence of J. W. Barry, corner Cedar street and Thirteenth avenue. Mr. Patterson and wife and three children are from Alabama, the guests of Mr. Barry, and while en route to Durant their children were taken down with the scarlet fever with above results. The other little boy and girl are reported much better this morning.

The remains of the child will be embalmed and taken back to Alabama for interment as soon as the family are well enough to travel.

N. O. Townsend this morning sold his residence to a Mr. Cothran, consideration being \$1,200. Mr. Townsend left on the noon train for Austin, Texas, where he expects to locate in the near future.

## DAILY GRIND OF THE COURT

Grand Jury Finds a Dozen True Bills in Second Report.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Federal Court, in session in this city, has transacted business as follows since last report: Second report of the grand jury:

Frank Walker and Calvin Gordon, larceny.

Alexander Brown, false pretenses.

Alexander Brown, disposing of mortgaged property.

Sam Turnbull and Chas. Brownfield, larceny.

Walter Gann, forgery.

Carl Dean, adultery.

J. L. Honsinger, introducing.

R. P. Dickey, manslaughter.

The grand jury dismissals were:

Julius Hampton, introducing.

A. Washwood, introducing.

Oscar Brownfield, larceny.

W. W. Metcalf, John Daniels and Jno. Miller were referred to the next grand jury.

The following took place in open court:

Lannie Letson, introducing, plea of guilty, Atoka jail sixty days and \$10 fine.

Ollie C. Smith, introducing, plea of guilty, Ft. Smith jail eleven months and \$10 fine.

John Woody, introducing, plea of guilty, Atoka jail thirty days and \$10 fine.

Granville Rippey, introducing, plea of guilty, Atoka jail thirty days and \$10 fine.

C. N. Rutherford, carrying weapon, bond forfeited and alias warrant issued.

Jim Tyree, dynamiting stream, nolle prossed.

A. C. Joyce, bribery, nolle prossed.

Calvin Veach, introducing, nolle prossed.

R. D. Dillingham, larceny, continued.

Zenus Allen, misdemeanor, continued.

James Moore, disposing, nolle prossed.

Notaries public appointed as follows: S. I. Watson, R. Himer Glenn and L. B. Pride.

M. S. Blackburn, merchant, postmaster and prominent citizen at Nida, is on trial charged with disposing of intoxicants.

The trial is consuming considerable time of the court.

## THE FEDERAL COURT GRINDS

Cases Disposed of Yesterday By the U. S. District Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday the first case taken up was that of Leon Noel, charged with larceny. His case was not prossed.

S. L. McElhose, introducing, continued by consent.

Able Barnhill, discharged from peace bond.

T. Hernandez, verdict not guilty.

Robert Winfry, carrying pistol, jury trial; verdict not guilty.

C. E. Collins, assault and battery, plead guilty; fined \$10 and cost.

Will Cooper, larceny, now on trial.

The following parties have been examined and admitted to practice law: A. H. Mitchell, Durant; W. A. Carter, Albany; Geo. L. Hoodenpyl, Boswell; J. M. Crook, Durant; P. B. Cordell, Bokohito.

The following notaries have been appointed: A. M. Stell W. B. Sorugge, C. C. Jones, H. S. Connell, C. H. Marshall and J. S. Gray.

The Grand Jury returned into court the following true bills:

Arthur Simpson, larceny. John Miller, introducing.

Lannie Letson, introducing. Frank Petty, assault to kill. Allie C. Smith, introducing. John Woody, manufacturing. James A. Henderson, girl under 16.

Granville Rippey, introducing. Jodie Metcalf, manslaughter. Nell Graham, adultery.

The following cases were dismissed by the Grand Jury:

James Fitzer, charged with murder.

John Boyston, introducing.

G. N. Higginbottom, disposing of mortgaged property.

James Mooneyhan, introducing.

Henry Jones, disposing, took change of venue to Atoka.

#### Choctaw Council Busy.

Tuskahoma, I. T., Feb. 20.—The Choctaw council has been the past few days busily engaged in the different departments checking up the officers and clerks of different parts of the nation, so that by the return of Gov. McCurtain from Washington, they will have everything in readiness to disband March 3rd.

The closing addresses will be made by Gov. McCurtain and W. A. Durant, of this city and it is worth while to note that these two gentlemen represent the different factions which so hotly contested for the governorship of the nation several years ago.

#### A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stone with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines till I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have on pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good." Owl Drug Store and Durant Drug Co.

Any man whose will power is all in his wife's name is to be pitied.

## INVESTIGATE OIL RATES

In Territory—Hearing to Be Held at Kansas City, Mo., March 12.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered an investigation of rates and practices of railroad carriers engaged in transporting oil from Kansas and Indian Territory to interstate destination.

The hearing is to be held at Kansas City, Mo., March 12.

The investigation was based upon a petition of the Kansas oil producers association embracing a number of charges.

#### TRIP IS POSTPONED.

Gov. McCurtain and Other Choctaw Officials Will Not Go to Washington.

South McAlester, I. T., Feb. 19.—The President's mysterious summons of Gov. McCurtain and other prominent Choctaw officials to Washington assumed a new phase today in the form of a second message from Washington, the contents of which are not given out. It was immediately announced, however, that the trip to Washington would be indefinitely postponed. No explanation.

#### A Timely Topic.

At this season of coughs and colds, it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly, and prevents serious results from a cold. Owl Drug Store and Durant Drug Co.

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